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The Honorable George P. Shultz
 Secretary
 United States Department of State
 2201 C Street, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to request that you make representations to the Government of Argentina on behalf of Gerardo Mario Brugo, a 40 year old taxi driver who, on March 23 of last year was seized by a group of men outside his home in Buenos Aires. It is believed that Mr. Brugo's abductors may have been members of Argentina's security forces.

Since Brugo's kidnapping, the Brugo family has received no communication from him. In desperation, the family filed an official complaint at the 23rd Federal Police Station in Buenos Aires about his possible arrest and "disappearance." Subsequently, the family filed a writ of habeas corpus which, unfortunately was rejected by the Argentine courts.

Last November, after all other channels had failed, the family presented Brugo's case to the Permanent Assembly for Human Rights in Buenos Aires. It was through this body that a chapter of Amnesty International located in my state became familiar with the details of Gerardo Mario Brugo's situation.

I am pleased to join with Amnesty International in urging you to request of Argentine President Reynaldo Bignone that he look into the matter of Gerardo Mario Brugo's disappearance, seek information regarding his present whereabouts, and take the actions necessary to permit his immediate release and reunification with the Brugo family.

I look forward to receiving your response to my request for U.S. government action on Gerardo Mario Brugo's behalf. I hope that you may be able to assist him.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

George J. Mitchell
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 United States Senator

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